

During her 2001–02 term office, Ms. Stout will be advocating the programs of the Ladies Auxiliary, including the raising of \$3 million for the Auxiliary Cancer Aid and Research program for the 14th consecutive year, assisting veterans and their families and volunteering in our communities.

As a charter Member of the Sperry-Davis Auxiliary to VFW Post 9151 of Salem, West Virginia she joined on the eligibility of her father, Thair Stout, who served in World War II. Stout was named Outstanding State President when she served in that capacity in 1986–87 and has served a total of seven terms as Auxiliary President and two terms as District President.

Stout was appointed to serve as State Secretary for three years and was elected to represent West Virginia and Virginia on the National Council of Administration. She was national chairman for the Southern Conference on the Publicity and Legislative programs and in 1988–89 she served as National Legislative Director.

After working as a secondary school mathematics teacher, she decided to attend West Virginia University College of Law and is currently employed as the General Counsel of the Treasurer's Office for the State of West Virginia. She belongs to the American Bar Association, the West Virginia Bar Association, the National Association of Bond Lawyers, and the Laudati Honor Society.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Diana Stout for her election of National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

IN HONOR OF DENISE PETERSON-
PENDARVIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Denise Peterson-Pendarvis in recognition of her long term commitment to her community.

Denise Peterson-Pendarvis attended New York City Public Schools, namely P.S. 287, P.S. 307; Junior High School 265 and Fort Hamilton High School. Later, Ms. Peterson-Pendarvis obtained a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay Col-

lege of Criminal Justice. In 1992, she received her Juris Doctor Degree from Seton Hall Law School in Newark, NJ.

Ms. Peterson-Pendarvis is currently a Government Relations Liaison at KeySpan Corporation. In this position she represents the corporation in its work with federal, state, and local governments. Prior to joining KeySpan, she worked for the New York City Board of Education as a Special Education Suspension Hearing Officer. She also worked as a Court Attorney for the late Civil Court Judge Ralph Sparks, Judge Kathym Smith and the Pro Se Attorney at Bronx County Landlord/Tenant Court. Ms. Peterson-Pendarvis also worked for many years as an assistant in my office.

In addition, to her full-time job, Ms. Peterson-Pendarvis is the President of the Board of Directors of Ryerson Towers where she has resided for the past twenty years. She is responsible for inter alia, overseeing operations and management of the \$5 million corporation. She serves as Secretary on the Board of Directors of the Marcus Garvey Nursing Home; and recently joined the Board of Directors of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Health Complex. She is also a board member of the Clinton Hill Consortium of Homeowners Inc. a newly formed organization that advances the concerns of the cooperators of the Clinton Hill/Fort Greene area.

In 1978, Ms. Peterson-Pendarvis became interested in "politics" and its relationship to the community. Since that time, she has coordinated numerous successful campaigns for all levels of elective office. Denise has proven leadership, organizational, and advocacy skills. She is constantly assisting those who may be less fortunate. She remains aware of where she came from and appreciates those who supported and guided her along the way.

Mr. Speaker, Denise Peterson-Pendarvis is a tireless worker and community leader. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION
OF CONNECTICUT'S FIREFIGHTERS

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to bring to the attention of the

House of Representatives and the American people the names of a few of the many firefighters that risked their lives to rescue victims during the attacks of September 11. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the bravery of these individuals.

John P. Bolton served as a firefighter for the United States Military Academy for four years and is an eleven-year veteran of the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department, Engine 9. Firefighter Bolton spent four days doing search and rescue at the World Trade Center. He helped save two New York City firefighters who were trapped in the Towers. Firefighter Bolton suffered injuries as a result of his selfless actions.

Fritz Ludwig and Eric Masters are five-year veterans of the Southbury Volunteer Fire Department. Firefighter Ludwig and Firefighter Masters participated in search and rescue efforts in the following days after the attacks. They helped rescue two New York City firefighters that were trapped in the collapsed Towers.

The following members of the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department went beyond the call of duty during the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center the week of September 11, 2001. They all performed search and rescue in a hostile and dangerous environment: Karl Leach is a seventeen-year veteran and member of Engine 10; Doug Evanuska is a ten-year veteran and member of Engine 10; Don Fredericks is an eight-year veteran and member of Engine 10; Jodie Gomez is a three-year veteran and member of Engine 10; Rob Natale is a three-year veteran and member of Engine 10; Scott Warner is a two-year veteran and member of Engine 10; David Hull is an eleven-year veteran and member of Engine 9; Mark Mederios is a four-year veteran and member of Engine 9; Jeffrey Matson is an eleven-year veteran and member of Engine 9; Christine Colla is an eight-year veteran and member of Engine 9, and Glen Lake is a four-year veteran and member of Engine 9.

On behalf of the people of Connecticut's 5th District, I wish to express my deepest thanks to these heroic individuals. The contributions they made to our community and country at the risk of their own peril cannot be measured.